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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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1/12/03 JACAMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2002 (Paper No. 4), kindly amend the above-identified application as follows. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 12 and 19 as follows:

SJ (Amended) A method of quality service localization within a relatively time-invariant communications network comprising:

receiving quality of service estimations for a plurality of communications mediums, wherein each of the plurality of communications mediums is defined between a respective one of a plurality of transmitters located within the communications network to a common receiving point of the communications network, wherein each communications medium is conveyed over at least one shared physical communications path and at least one non-shared communications path; and

comparing the quality of service estimations for the plurality of communications mediums with one another in order to localize a respective quality of service estimation to a likely physical communication path within the communications network.

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Please See Attached: Amendment After Final Rejection

*Amendment after Final Rejection
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